

REMARKS


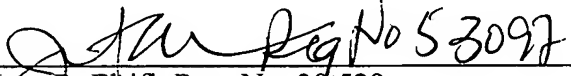
In response to the August 1, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicants elected the invention of Group I (claims 1-10), drawn to a high molecular weight aptamer composition comprising two or more aptamers and a stabilizing moiety that comprises a linking moiety that is not a nucleic acid molecule, and Applicants further elected PDGF as the target protein of the claimed aptamer compositions. This Amendment is being filed to reflect these elections. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claims 9 and 11-57, drawn to non-elected subject matter, without prejudice or disclaimer. No other amendments have been presented at this time. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Applicants are filing on this date a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) along with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) in order to delete those inventors who were correctly named in the instant application as filed, but are not inventors of the invention recited by the pending claims, as amended herein. A copy of the signed Petition is enclosed herewith.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit, that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and/or these remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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